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SUBJ: TRAVEL PLANS OF PRESIDENT BANDA

1. HAVE BEEN TOLD IN CONFIDENCE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER,
BANDA PLANNING LEAVE HERE APRIL 11 FOR SIX-WEEK VISIT IN LONDON.
EXCEPT FOR RECENT TRIP TO ZAMBIA THIS WILL BE FIRST VISIT ABROAD
FOR HIM SINCE 1972.

2. INTERESTINGLY, WE HAVE BEEN ASKED THIS WEEK BY EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS FOR COMPLETE TIME TABLES FOR FLIGHTS FROM BLOOMINGTON,
INDIANA TO LONDON -- ONE WAY. FACT NGWIRI HIMSELF INVOLVED IN
REQUEST AND STUDIED FAILURE TO INDICATE FOR WHOM NEEDED LEADS US
SPECULATE BANDA MAY BE PLANNING VISIT U.S. AFTER LONDON TRIP
PERHAPS TO RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREE FROM INDIANA UNIVERSITY WHICH
HE ATTENDED FOR FIRST TWO YEARS COLLEGE. TIMING, AT LEAST, WOULD
SEEM ABOUT RIGHT.

3. COULD DEPT CHECK WITH INDIANA TO DETERMINE IF ANY SUB-
STANCE TO OUR SPECULATION.
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